MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes. They also charge a certain amount of money as toll fees.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has the same car to pay toll on a number of gates in British India on the same day ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, if you pass through them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is the member sure ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : In some places in British India they pay and in some other places they do not.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : And at Cochin ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : They pay toll gate fees there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has the member tried to ascertain the conditions prevailing in those places and to copy them if they are less objectionable ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I do not know whether it is less objectionable. From Vaikam to Ernakulam, a distance of about twenty-eight miles, I have, had to pay at two toll gates. I have not complained about that.

PRESIDENT : Questions for the day please.

Revenue sales in Tiruvalla taluk.

29. ***MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR** (*Tiruvalla II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of revenue sales held in the Tiruvalla Taluk Cutcherry during 1110 M. E.;

(*b*) the total area of lands sold under such sales ; and

(*c*) the number of such sales where revenues are due to the Edapally Chief and the total area of land so sold ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) 706.

(*b*) 384·96 acres.

(*c*) 75 sales involving 96·65 acres.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Wth reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know from the member the amount for which 384·96 acres has been sold ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : That information I have not got.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know the amount for which 96·65 acres of land were sold ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : That question was not asked. Therefore the information was not furnished.

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MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know from the member why there is comparatively more revenue sales with regard to the revenue due to the Edapally Chief than to Government or other Chiefs?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is not apparent from the answer, Sir,

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): From the answer it is seen that the total area of lands sold in the whole of Tiruvalla taluk is 384·96 acres and of those the sales where revenues are due to the Edapally Chief the area is 96·65 acres. May I know from the member why comparatively there is more number of sales in respect of revenues due to the Edapally Chief?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Probably because the tenants of the Edapally Chief do not pay tax as others do.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the large number of sales is due to the irregularities of the Land Revenue Officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I do not know.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether any representations have been made to that effect to Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, Sir, but not in regard to revenue sales.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): I said of the irregularities of the Officers of the Revenue Department.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is a general question. The question before the House is about revenue sales and I said there is no irregularity with regard to revenue sales.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): My question is whether the greater number of sales is not due to the irregularities of the Land Revenue administration of the Chief's properties.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I cannot say that.

Section Office at Vennikulam.

30. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Section Office at Vennikulam was established;

(*b*) when it was abolished; and

(*c*) why it has been abolished?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) from 1-1-1094.

(*b*) From 22-1-1108.

(*c*) As a measure of retrenchment.

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